for the development of the Ghusick Project on turnkey basis is not considered necessary.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh Government

256. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1328 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st January, 1987 and the number of such plants which were installed during the last three years; and

(b) the number of bio-gas plants proposed to be installed during 1987 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The cumulative total number of bio-gas plants set up in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st January, 1987 is over 55,450 plants. Out of them, about 40,000 plants were installed by the State Government during the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86. The cumulative total number of community and institutional bio-gas plants set up in the State as on 31st January, 1987 is 32 plants, out of which 28 plants were set up during the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86.

(b) A provisional target of setting up of 10,000 family type biogas plants has been earmarked for the State of Andhra Pradesh for 1987-88 under the National Project for Biogas Development. Besides, community and institutional biogas plants will also be set up depending on feasibility and availability of funds.

Rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh

257. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to sanction on priority basis the rural electrification schemes forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when these schemes will be sanctioned by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Rural Electrification Corporation considers sanction of rural electrification schemes submitted by State Electricity Boards subject to the techno-economic feasibiliy and availabiliy of funds. The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board has submitted 33 rural electrification schemes as on 31-3-1987. It is not practicable to indicate the specific time-frame for the approval of the scheme.

Power tariff in the Country

258. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the details of the power tariff per unit in different States and Union Territories as on 31st January, 1987 including the Central Government's power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The estimated average rates for supply of electricity to various categories of consumers in different States and Union Territories as on 31-1-1987 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 14]. Power supplied by the Central Generating Stations is pooled by the States/Union Territories with the power generated at their own stations for the purpose of fixation of tariff.

Buildings taken on lease by IPSL

259. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the buildings taken on lease by IPCL for